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To: Local Boards of Health and Interested Parties

**From: Paul J. Tierney, Director
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Date: January 4, 2001

Re: FDA 2001 Food Code

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recently announced the availability of the 2001 revision of the Food Code (2001 Food Code).

The Food Protection Program is currently reviewing the summary of changes to determine if provisions in 105 CMR 590.000 Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments - Chapter X, will need to be modified.

Please be advised that you should continue to reference the 1999 Food Code as adopted on October 1, 2000. The Massachusetts adoption of the 1999 Food Code will not be affected. The Department does not anticipate the adoption of the 2001 Food Code at this time.

Boards of health and stakeholders will be informed of any necessary changes to 105 CMR 590.000 proposed by the Department prior to public hearings.

Please contact our office if you have any questions or concerns. For more information on retail food regulations, visit our retail food safety information web site at:

<http://www.state.ma.us/dph/fpp/retail/home.htm>.